



A 2007-08 grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust will help fund a portable theater system allowing Eugene Ballet to tour even more Oregon towns with productions like 2006's *The Swing Kings*.

## What is Culture?

In Oregon, culture is *La Bohème*, Thornton Wilder, Elliott Carter and John Guare. But it is also Wildlife Safari, OMSI, KBPS-FM and the Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls.

If you've attended the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the High Desert Museum or the Cascade Head Festival of Music, you've experienced Oregon culture made possible, in part, by donors to the Oregon Cultural Trust. That's also true of the Civilian Conservation Corps cabins at Camp Sherman, the Amphitheatre at Timberline Lodge, the Tamástslíkt Cultural Center in Pendleton and the Eastern Oregon Museum in Haines.

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AS AN IMPORTANT OREGON INNOVATION

So said the *Eugene Register-Guard* in a 2006 editorial endorsement of the Trust. The Oregon Culture Trust is a ground-breaking public-private partnership. Since December 2002, the Trust has raised nearly \$11,000,000 to build a permanent endowment for Oregon culture that supports 1,100

nonprofit arts, humanities and heritage programs. Every donor to the Trust receives a 100-percent, dollar-for-dollar tax credit that reduces his or her Oregon state income tax bill by up to \$500 for an individual, \$1,000 for married couples who file jointly, and \$2,500 for corporations.

CULTURAL DONORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM  
OREGON'S GENEROUS CULTURAL TAX CREDIT,  
AND NEARLY *Everyone* IS ALREADY A CULTURAL DONOR

When you join OPB, the Southern Oregon Historical Society or the Museum of Contemporary Craft, why not make a matching gift to the Trust? Or make a matching gift when you donate to Fishtrap, Klamath Falls Library Foundation, Eugene Ballet, or any number of the Trust's 1,100 eligible cultural nonprofits.

Make both gifts by December 31, then claim the cultural tax credit on your Oregon return.

You'll save money on your Oregon state income taxes, and you'll provide the fuel that keeps Oregon culture diverse, wide-spread and alive.

#### WHERE THE TAX CREDIT GOES

Thousands of donations have enabled the Trust to make its most generous grant disbursements ever, more than \$1.36 million for 2007-08. This money went to 45 county and tribal coalitions, five statewide cultural partners, and 57 individual cultural nonprofits in 22 different communities. Those 57 grants fund projects such as a school music program, an international arts festival, a statewide writers' tour, the world premiere production of a musical about Celilo Falls, a celebration of 20th-century composers, the building of a children's library, and many others.

All that, and more, made possible by Oregonians like you.

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